

“DEAR CHILDREN: As I am looking at you who love my Son, my heart is being filled with tenderness. I am blessing you with a motherly blessing. With a motherly blessing, I am also blessing your **shepherds**—you who speak the words of my Son, who bless with His hands, and who love Him so much that you are ready to make every **sacrifice** for Him with joy. You are following Him, who was the first shepherd, the first missionary. My children, apostles of my love, **to live and work for others**—for all those whom you love through my Son—is the joy and comfort of earthly life. If through **prayer, love and sacrifice**, the Kingdom of God is in your hearts, then your life is joyful and bright. Among those who **love my Son** and who **love each other through Him**, words are not necessary. A gaze is sufficient for the unspoken words and unexpressed feelings to be heard. There where **love reigns**, time no longer counts. We are with you. My Son knows you and loves you. **Love is that which brings you to me, and through that love I will come to you and speak to you of the works of salvation.** I desire for all of my children to have **faith** and to **feel** my motherly love, which **leads** them to Jesus. Therefore, my children, wherever you go, illuminate with **love and faith** as apostles of love” (Med. 12/2/19).

REJOICE, YE GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE! (MASS²/ROM. 15: 10)

A WORD FROM THE FIRST SHEPHERD *that he feels strongly about in His Heart!* Joshua walked to the diner for breakfast and met his three friends. Pat said, “Heard you were at the synagogue last night, what were you doing there?” He meant no offense; it was just the way he talked. Whatever passed across his mind came out his mouth. Joshua replied, “You’d love it there.” Pat countered, “I doubt it! What were you doing there?” “They contracted me to carve a statue of Moses and invited me for the viewing. I felt quite at home there. We’re all Jews, spiritually, you know.” Pat protested, “I’m not a Jew! Maybe Moe is, his brother even looks like one!” Herm inquired, “I thought I saw you in our church?” Moe added, “I saw you going to the Methodist Church.” Joshua replied, “I feel at home among all those who **truly love** my Father.”

The three walked Joshua home. Herm asked, “What do you think about religion?” Joshua answered, “God never intended religion to be legalistic and superficial. Jesus came to free people from regimented religion and abusive, controlling leaders. His **shepherds** were to guide and serve, not dictate and legislate—to draw people to God by their own **deep faith** and the beauty of their **personal lives**. They were not to focus on sterile practices, but rather on God and His **love and concern for others**. Religious practices tend to replace **true service** of God and **lead** us to believe that these things **are faith** and then all growth stops. Growth means change and holiness means an ever-deepening understanding of God and what he **expects** of us. **If a person is not open to the inspiration of the Spirit, because it goes beyond what our shepherds allow, then even the Holy Spirit cannot speak to him and do the work of salvation in him.** Then he remains stunted, frustrating the work that God wants to do through him. The prophets saw beyond sterile religious practices and spoke God’s word, incurring the wrath of jealousy religious leaders, who hated and killed them. **True religion** comes from the heart. It is a deep relationship with God that brings joy, peace and love to people. God is not honored by subservient obedience to religious laws devoid of **love**. He is pleased by the free expression of the soul that **truly loves** him.” Moe said, “You should be a shepherd; everyone should hear your words!” Herm asked, “Where did you learn this?” Joshua said, “When you think about things and feel strongly, it is easy to express what you feel in your heart. Understanding God’s **love and expectations** are something we should all feel strongly, *not indifferent* about.”

CARD 111: A WORD FROM THE FIRST SHEPHERD PART 2

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Card 110: Arise From the Sleep of Sin and Religious Indifference (Mass¹)

In the Eyes Peacelessness Is Seen!

WHAT IS FELT IN THE HEART IS SEEN IN THE EYES!

A Word from the First Shepherd to His Shepherds!



TO YOU I LIFT UP MY SOUL!

IN YOU, O GOD, I TRUST; LET ME NOT BE PUT TO SHAME; LET NOT MY ENEMIES EXALT OVER ME. NO ONE WHO WAITS FOR YOU SHALL BE PUT TO SHAME. YOUR WAYS, O LORD, MAKE KNOWN TO ME; TEACH ME YOUR PATHS. GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN!
(MASS¹/PS. 25: 1-4)

JOSHUA: A PARABLE FOR TODAY, CONDENSED AND INTERWOVEN WITH MARY'S MONTHLY MESSAGES FROM MEDJUGORJE ON THE 25TH & 2ND.

IN THE GAZE OF THE EYES LOVE IS SEEN AND UNSPOKEN WORDS AND UNEXPRESSED FEELINGS ARE HEARD!



ADVENT: WAITING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COMING OR ARRIVAL OF SOMETHING SEEN AS MOMENTOUS!

ARK BOX 5: THE SIGNS IN HEAVEN AND THE RAGING SEA PROPHECIES

CARD 15 IS AN OVERVIEW OF MARY'S MESSAGES FROM MEDJUGORJE

PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD!
LET US WALK HONESTLY... NOT IN STRIFE, JEALOUSY AND HATRED BUT PUT ON CHRIST AND DO NOT GRATIFY FLESHLY DESIRES (MASS¹/ROM. 13: 13-14).

SIGNS WILL BE SEEN IN THE SUN, MOON AND STARS, AND ON EARTH DISTRESS OF NATIONS, WHO ARE PERPLEXED BY THE RAGING OF THE SEA. MEN'S HEARTS WILL FAINT FOR FEAR IN ANTICIPATION OF THE THINGS THAT ARE SEEN COMING ON THE WORLD. FOR THE POWERS OF HEAVEN WILL BE SHAKEN! AND THEN THAT GENERATION WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD WITH GREAT POWER AND MAJESTY!
(MASS¹/LK. 21: 25-32)

ADVENT BEGINS THE LITURGICAL YEAR WITH THE 4 SUNDAY MASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

THE ADVENT OF THE CHILD, WHO WAS BORN TO GIVE HIMSELF TO US, IS CELEBRATED WITH JOY AND HOPE BY MANY DENOMINATIONS OVER THE FOUR-WEEK PERIOD BEFORE CHRISTMAS. IT IS A TIME OF ANTICIPATION AND REMEMBRANCE WHEN THE CHURCH BRINGS BEFORE OUR EYES OUR SAVIOR'S FIRST COMING THROUGH GRACE, HIS COMING IN OUR HEARTS AND LIVES, AND HIS SECOND COMING AS JUDGE. WITH THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS AND PATRIARCHS APPEALING TO US, THE 4 MASSES URGE US TO BE READY TO RECEIVE HIM AS BOTH SAVIOR AND JUDGE. THE CHURCH SEES HIS FIRST AND SECOND COMING IN ONE PERSPECTIVE OF TIME: ... AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, AS IT IS THERE WHERE LOVE REIGNS AND TIME NO LONGER COUNTS.

WHAT IS FELT IN THE HEART IS SEEN IN THE EYES!

In the Eyes Peacelessness is Seen Because Material Things Fill the Heart!



“DEAR CHILDREN: May this time be a time of prayer for you. Without God you do not have peace. Therefore, little children, pray for peace in your hearts and families, so that **Jesus can be born in you** and give you His love and blessing. **The world is at war because hearts are full of hatred and jealousy. In the eyes, little children, peacelessness is seen because you have not permitted Jesus to (truly) be born in your lives.** Seek Him, pray, and He will give Himself to you in the Child, who is joy and peace. **I am with you** and I pray for you. Thank you for having responded to my call” (Med. 11/25/19).

JOSHUA: A PARABLE FOR TODAY is a National Best Seller by Father Joseph F. Girzone, a Catholic priest, who joined the Carmelite order at age 14, serving Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (card 105). He died in 2015 on Advent¹. This series began with Ark Box 6 and card 108. To write the cards I condense the book chapter by chapter and interweave them with Mary’s ongoing messages from **Medjugorje** and current Catholic calendar events, the oldest Christian calendar still celebrating the events of the Gospel with Jesus in the breaking of the Bread. I do this work through the inspiration of our Holy Mother, who with unspoken words speaks to me about the Kingdom of God in our hearts and of the **works of salvation** expected of us to make us ready for Christ’s Second Coming. Father Girzone felt inspired to write the parable as he thought strongly about what it would be like if Jesus were living today, if He again spoke the words of the Father. How would He be seen by the Church He entrusted to Peter, who succeeded to the chair of Moses? How would His people, the Jews, feel about Him? In the parable the Heavenly Father sends Jesus (Joshua) to a small town in America on a mission, to again be His missionary—to go and illuminate with **love and faith**. He lives a simple life as a wood-carver. The Jews contract Him to carve a statue of Moses. To get around their belief that it is a “graven image,” they are placing it in their social hall rather than the synagogue. He is waiting for them to pick it up. Later he will be contracted to carve statues of Peter by two churches. Through unspoken words the statues portray an urgent appeal to His Church—all those who **have faith, and love and sacrifice for each other through Him**. If our shepherds would permit the Church to be led by our Holy Mother to Jesus, anticipating her messages as she comes to us and speaks to us from **Medjugorje**, then we would see peace and no longer be at war! Chapters 5–7 follow.

WHAT IS FELT IN THE HEART IS SEEN IN THE EYES! Joshua was excited, anticipating the advent of his clients. He looked over the statue to see if he had missed anything. He couldn’t wait to see the look in their eyes and on their faces. Their first reaction would reveal their true feelings. Three men that looked like businessmen and a beautiful woman finally arrived. When Joshua looked at her, he felt pleased! “Shalom!” a man named David greeted him. Joshua responded, “Shalom alechem!” Another man, Aaron, said, “We can’t wait to see the statue!” When he showed it to them, the sun was radiating on Moses’ face, making him look like he had just come down from the mountain. The woman, Marcia, intended to not show her true feelings, but was surprised coming upon the figure and couldn’t help but gasped and said, “It’s beautiful!” The men’s reactions were measured. Lester said, “I never imagined it would look like this!” Aaron looked at it carefully, and then showing delight said, “I have never seen a work of art with such lifelike qualities. I wouldn’t be surprised if it moved.” Marcia, an artist, examined it thoroughly, and then looked straight into Joshua’s eyes and said, “All I can do is thank you for this remarkable piece of art. It is one of the most beautiful pieces of art I have ever laid my eyes on. It will be a treasure in our midst.” Lester asked, “Are you Jewish?” Joshua replied, “Yes.” Then Lester invited him to the synagogue that night and Aaron offered to pick him up.



IN MOSES’ EYES PEACELESSNESS IS SEEN—his gaze expresses unspoken words! Aaron arrived promptly at 6:30. At the synagogue everyone greeted them cordially. Aaron seated Joshua and then left to perform his duties in the service. Joshua became absorbed singing the hymns and psalms with all of his heart. Afterward, as everyone filed into the social hall, many people complimented him on his singing. Aaron and the others found him. He wasn’t hard to spot in the crowd, everyone was well dressed, but Joshua, even though his clothes were clean, looked like he just came in from the fields. When they entered the hall, people were looking at the figure of Moses, and he was looking at them as if he were speaking a word to them, urgently appealing to them with all the force of his mighty personality. They heard people say: “What a powerful work of art!” “Do you think they really gave him as hard a time as his face betrays?” “He looks like he’s calling them **stiff-necked, hard-hearted and rebellious!**”

Rabbi Szeneth came in, showing joy in his eyes. Lester introduced him to Joshua. He had seen the statue earlier and felt both pleased and overwhelmed with the power of the piece and did not miss its profound message. He was proud of the statue, even though some criticized him for erecting a “graven image.” But he also felt annoyed, embarrassed that the statue should be delivering a message to his people today and not just an appeal to the ancients. He said, “I’m grateful for the beautiful work of art you created. It speaks loud and clear. At first I didn’t like the words being said, but then realized you were saying all the things I should have said but didn’t have the courage. Come to our synagogue anytime and feel at home.” A woman remarked, “Why does Moses look so insistent and desperate in his frustrations? He makes me feel uneasy and guilty.” Joshua replied, “If you think about the obstacles he faced and the work he had to do, looking frustrated isn’t an unrealistic expression.” The rabbi said, “Many others feel the way she feels. It will be a constant sermon when we are tempted to stray from God.”

WHAT IS SEEN IN THE EYES IS FELT IN THE HEART! On the drive home Aaron asked Joshua what he thought of the congregation and their responses. Joshua replied, “They were a friendly community. Their reactions varied. I wanted to provoke a thoughtful response so the work I did would have a personal and lasting value for everyone. It is difficult for people to think in spiritual terms. The world of the senses is so vivid and real. The unseen world of the spirit is hard to believe in.” Aaron listened, captivated by Joshua and his calm manner. He wasn’t critical of human behavior, but spoke as if the world of the spirit was really *with him*. Aaron was a worldly man. His father owned a steel factory and recently retired and now he was in charge of everything. He was a family man and spent his free time helping the rabbi. But he was not a particularly spiritual man. His fascination with Joshua came from his inability to understand him. He could see that he could have any position in life, but was content being simple and having few worldly goods. This mystified Aaron, who was taught from an early age the value of material things. Joshua had none of these, and yet he was happy and peaceful, which Aaron was not. Money and investments were a game that fascinated him. Yet, despite the good life he felt *peaceless*—empty, a gnawing void inside. Aaron wanted to have Joshua’s joy and peace. He felt at peace when he was with him, good and clean inside. He asked, “How did you develop this vision of life?” Joshua said, “I experience what I believe in, so I know what I believe in is true.” Aaron asked, “Why don’t I experience peace?” Joshua explained, “Each person looks at life through a different vision. **What we live for determines what we see in life and gives clear focus to our inner vision.** What I see, you could see too **if you would detach yourself from the things you were taught to value.** They do not give you peace or lasting satisfaction. They leave you empty, filled with a longing for more. I know this is true because I know how man was made and what he truly needs to grow and feel peace.”